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UTL 00151**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12, 13, and 17-24 are pending in the present application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, and 14-16 have been cancelled.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. 102(b):

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to the claims because Bowers does not teach each and every element of the claimed invention as required under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). In particular, Bowers does not disclose, teach, or suggest, among other things, a recessed fastener adapter device for recessing a fastener on a printed wire board (PWB) nor a system for recessing a fastener on a PWB where neither the top surface of the board interface nor the top surface of the fastener head protrudes from the PWB top surface. In contrast, the top surface of the grommet 52 and the top surface of the stud head 72 of Bowers clearly protrude from the top surface of the panel 58, causing the potential interference problems Applicants' claimed invention seeks to avoid.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit claims 1-3, 6-10, 12, 13, and 17-24 are not anticipated by Bowers, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above, allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at the number listed below is respectfully urged.

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UTL 00151**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 4, 5, and 14-16.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A recessed fastener adapter device for recessing a fastener on a printed wire board (PWB), the device comprising:
 - a board interface for interfacing the adapter device with the PWB at a fastener hole, wherein the board interface interfaces with the PWB at the fastener hole and includes a top surface; and,
 - a fastener head engaging surface for accepting and recessing a fastener head having a top surface, wherein the fastener head engaging surface engages a fastener head and recesses a fastener head [at least partially below], and
 - wherein neither the top surface of the board interface nor the top surface of the fastener head protrudes from the PWB top surface.
10. (Amended) A system for recessing a fastener on a printed wire board (PWB), the system comprising:
 - the PWB having a fastener hole, a top surface, and a bottom surface; and
 - a recessed fastener adapter including:
 - a board interface for interfacing the recessed fastener adapted with the PWB at the fastener hole, wherein the board interface interfaces with the PWB at the fastener hole and includes a top surface; and,

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recesses a fastener head [at least partially below], and

wherein neither the top surface of the board interface nor the top surface of the fastener
head protrudes from the PWB top surface.